

The Bird Watcher

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We're keeping an eye on the Deuel Cardinals!

Land Judges Oklahoma Bound

By Travis Harford

Deuel School is sending a team of four students to the National Land Judging competition. Lance Hinsvark, Travis Harford, Matt Goens, and Jordan Monnier placed first as a team. Deuel placed first over 12 other teams within northeastern South Dakota. For the individual placing, Hinsvark received second, Harford- fourth, Goens- fifth, and Monnier- fourteenth. Of the 20 that went to the state land judging competition, 14 received medals. Medals are given to the top 70 individuals out of 175, and they are separated into gold, silver, and bronze. Deuel had six students receive gold medals, four silver, and four bronze. This is the first time in 12 years that Deuel will send a land judging team to Nationals. It is also the first time that Mr. Karels will be taking a team to the national competition. Nationals will be held near Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in May.

Student Teacher takes over

Nelson's classroom

By Jena Hall and Ashley Maeyer

Ryan Schlieman, 22, from Madison, MN is going to SDSU to become a high school social studies teacher. He wants to become a teacher because he would enjoy the students and the money. Schlieman graduates this Spring, and starting next year he will be able to teach his own class. He really likes Deuel School. "I love the computers, you guys are very lucky, not very many school get that opportunity," said Schlieman. Right now he is teaching World History and soon will be teaching all other related classes, except economics.

Congratulations to the Deuel Interp team for a Second Place Sweepstakes win at the Deuel Invite!

2008 Senior Spotlight: Cardinal Football



Senior Football Players-- (Back, Left to Right) Tyler Heiberger, Brice Christensen, Jordan Hinte, Manager Katie Shea, (Front, Left to Right) Nick Salanoa, Tyler Ronne, and Chase Hagen.

By Angela Uckert and April Van Dyke

Rushing down the fresh cut grass at the football field are seven senior players and casually walking beside them is senior student manager, Katie Shea. Shea has been student manager for four years. "I am just helping people who are hurt or need something...umm the team is just cheering and encouraging the team and giving them advice about what to do," said Shea. Playing together since seventh grade creates their very special bond. Nick Salanoa said, "One of my memorable moments is being together and beating on the freshmen." The boys' best accomplishment was making it to playoffs in their 2005 and 2006 seasons. Advice from them to younger teammates is to work hard and hit the weight room. Gudmundson said, "The younger players should run over the summer." Every game the stands filled with the senior girls screaming as loud as they can, "V-I-C-T-O-R-Y- that's the senior battle cry!"

September students of the month announced

By April Van Dyke

Grace Hoffman is the daughter of Vicki and Jerome Hoffman. She's involved in cross country, gymnastics, student council, National Honor Society, and youth group. Staying busy with her activities she loves to squeeze time in for horse riding, camping, being outside, being around animals, waterskiing, and wakeboarding. Hoffman said, "Being student of the month is pretty sweet, and I really like the parking space because I usually have to park at the very end of the parking lot... I am late a lot." When eating lunch, Hoffman loves the chili and cinnamon roll and likes it when there is cheesecake on the salad bar. Her favorite movie is "Pride and Prejudice" and her favorite subject is Biology.



Students recognized for their hard work.-- (Left to Right) Grace Hoffman and Kayla Ronne stop for a photo between classes.

Hoffman's favorite thing about Deuel is that everyone is friends with each other and there are no cliques. After graduating, she plans to go to college to become an elementary school teacher and then live on a big ranch in South Dakota.

Photo by April Van Dyke

By Travis Harford

Kayla Ronne is the daughter of Greg and Kathy Ronne. She's lived in Clear Lake her whole life. She's involved in many activities including: football manager, track manager, golf, key club, TLC, and yearbook. Kayla was surprised to be picked as

the student of the month during the first month of the 2007 school year. Kayla is glad to use the parking spot for a month that way she doesn't have to park so far away. Kayla's plans after high school are to attend USD and major in Criminal Justice. Her favorite sport is volleyball, and her favorite class is Current Events, with Mr. Schiernbeck. Kayla's favorite food is pizza. She also likes the band Daughtry. Her favorite movie is the "Grid Iron Gang". Kayla's advice to other classmates is to work hard and try to keep a positive attitude; school goes faster and much easier.

Look for September Middle School Students of the Month in the next issue of the Bird Watcher!

Marching Bands earn second place at Chester

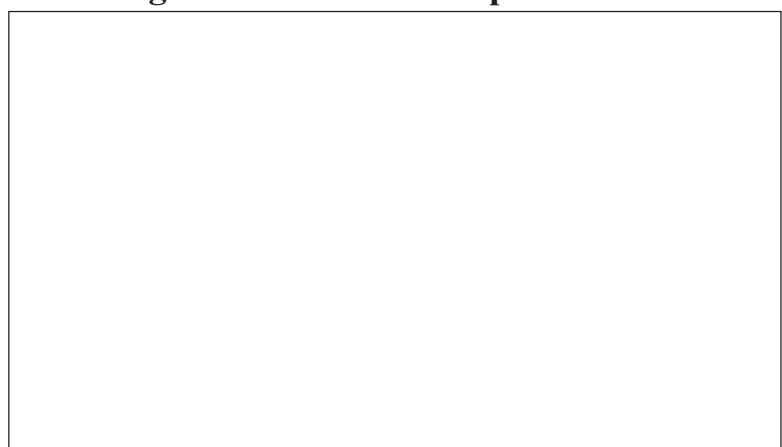


Photo by April Van Dyke

Left, Left, Left, Left-- The Deuel High School Marching band practice while marching down the residential streets of Clear Lake.

By Kara Dumke and Laura Pederson

At the Chester Marching competition, on Friday, October 5th they saved the best for last. The Deuel High School Marching band was the last band to march but pulled through with second place out of nine schools in the competition.

The Deuel Middle School Marching Band also received second place. There were only three schools competing in the Middle School Division. The students enjoyed watching the SDSU Brass line. The line performed a few different popular selections before they handed out the awards to the bands that competed.

The next competition is at the 6th Annual Lake Region Marching Band Festival on Friday, October 12th in Waubay. The event is scheduled to have over 800 band members participating. The Festival is called the "biggest, little band festival in South Dakota." Waubay more than triples in population during this event.

Foreign Culture Club Meets

By Ashley Burke

"Konichiwa," that's hello in Japanese. Members of the Deuel High School Foreign Culture Club learned that there are many ways to say "hello." Amanda Neilsen was elected President and Heather Weber Vice President. There are nine members total in the club.

The advisor, Mrs. Johnson, believes the club is a good idea. She has been the advisor/ coordinator in placing foreign exchange students in homes since 1975. The students she has helped come back to visit, and she travels to visit them in their home countries.

Mrs. Lundberg earns honors

By Laramie Schaffer and Kara Dumke

Ramona Lundberg, High School Science teacher, has been National Board Certified. She received certification from the U.S. State Department of Education, a teacher must complete four portfolios and an exam. The portfolios are a unit over time, whole class discussion, and scientific inquiry. The last portfolio was 96 pages of writing and 218 pages of documentation, pictures, and forms. The test lasted three hours long. Each section was timed and every question had a three part essay.

Lundberg is currently the only certified secondary science teacher in South Dakota. She was certified at her first attempt. The certification has taken her five years to complete. Lundberg first became aware of National Board Certification when she was in Washington D.C. as a part of being selected the Presidential Awardee for Excellence in Science Teaching in 2000. She began assessing portfolios for National Board in the summer of 2001. In 2004 she then completed her master's degree. Lundberg is very gratified by her accomplishment and said, "I learned a great deal by looking closely by what happens in my classroom and my teaching practice."

Teacher leaves for Iraq

By Nicole Pederson and Kjirstin Almos

Michael Gohring, who teaches computers and runs the laptop help desk at Deuel School, has been called to active duty for the National Guards. A member of the B Battery 1st/ 147 division, local member Craig Evenson and Gohring leave for Iraq within the calendar year.

They have been called to approximately one year of service which will begin on October 25. Gohring said that he must report to duty October 23, attend the activation ceremony in Sioux Falls, SD on October 24, and then go to Shelby, MS to begin training. Once the training is complete, Gohring will leave for Iraq.

When asked what is the hardest part of leaving, Gohring said "leaving family and friends." In Iraq, Gohring and the division will be doing convoy security. This is his first time going overseas or being on active duty. Gohring has been in the guards for four years. He said he chose to be in the National Guard because he wanted to serve his country, challenge himself, and make some extra money. Dan Siebenborn, who also runs the help desk, will take over for his classes.

Seniors Attend Career Day

By Angela Kjenstad

The Deuel senior class traveled to Brookings for Career Planning Day on October 2nd. Several area businesses had booths set up including Daktronics, Rainbow Play Systems, and the Brookings Police Department. Many branches of the military were also represented. Representatives from Larson Manufacturing and Weatherstar provided a glass door for students to throw a baseball through. This was a definite highlight to the day. The objective was to set the record speed for throwing, while still hitting a target on the glass.

At the Frost Arena on the South Dakota State University campus, colleges and universities from the Midwest were available. University of Nebraska, University of Iowa, and McNally Smith College of Music were just a few of the schools represented.

Senior Saundra Liechti said, "Overall, I thought the day was productive and helpful. The college fair was extremely beneficial because you could visit pretty much every college in the area quickly and easily."

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